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# Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

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**Examiner**

JAMES PILKINGTON

**Art Unit**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 October 2008.  
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.  
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) 2 and 7 is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-6 is/are rejected.  
7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 July 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-850)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/26/05 12/1/06 7/31/07  
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_  
5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application  
6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Claim 2 is withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 10/29/08. In addition new claim 7 is also withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statement filed 5/26/05 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

### ***Drawings***

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the calculation means (clm 5) and flow diagrams for the controlling system (clms 5 and 6) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure

is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Specification***

4. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because reference character should either be deleted or in parenthesis. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

There is no support in the specification for the claimed "calculation means."

What are these means? Is there a control that isn't shown in the drawings or discussed in the specification?

7. Claims 1 and 3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Re clm 1, it is not clear what the Applicant is attempting to claim with the limitation "as to produce" in line 6. What is being produced? Does the Applicant mean "protrude"?

Claim 1 recites the limitation "when the first and second members are made to rotate relatively." There is a lack of antecedent basis for the event happening. When and what causes this event, the when, to happen?

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

8. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

9. Claims 1, 3 and 4, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Morawski DE29717628 (cited by Applicant).

Morawski disclose an industrial robot comprising a first member (29) and a second member (13); the first member (29) including: a first mount portion (accommodating feature for 16 and 14') where a first position member (14') slides in such a manner as to protrude; and the second member (13) including: an abutment portion (13 is the abutment portion) which is brought into abutment with the first positioning member (14') when the first (29) and second (13) members rotate relatively.

10. Claims 1, 3 and 4, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP4-13285 (cited by Applicant).

JP285 disclose an industrial robot comprising a first member (4d', Figures 7 and 8) and a second member (22); the first member (4d') including: a first mount portion (43a) where a first position member (42b) slides in such a manner as to protrude; and the second member (22) including: an abutment portion (22a) which is brought into abutment with the first positioning member (42b) when the first (4d') and second (22) members rotate relatively.

11. Claims 1, 3 and 4, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakamura, USP 6,186,023.

Nakamura disclose an industrial robot comprising a first member (14) and a second member (13); the first member (14) including: a first mount portion (16) where a first position member (17) slides in such a manner as to protrude; and the second member (13) including: an abutment portion (gear teeth) which is brought into abutment

with the first positioning member (17) when the first (14) and second (13) members rotate relatively.

12. Claims 1 and 3-6, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being clearly anticipated by JP 02-180580 (cited by Applicant and also published as JP2661735, a translation of which is attached).

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES PILKINGTON whose telephone number is (571)272-5052. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7-3.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Ridley can be reached on (571)272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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